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	AC1	US-3,615,054	10-26-1971	La Botz	
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	AK1	US-4,681,258	07-21-1987	Jenkins <i>et al.</i>	
	AL1	US-4,688,056	08-18-1987	Noguchi <i>et al.</i>	
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	BD1	EP 0 255 208 B1	02-03-1988	Corsette		
	BE1	EP 0 397 441	11-14-1990	Xaar Ltd.		
	BF1	GB 1515892	06-28-1978	Bowles Fluidics Corp.		

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	AB2	US-5,160,403	11-03-1992	Fisher <i>et al.</i>	
	AC2	US-5,320,096	06-14-1994	Hans	
	AD2	US-5,332,466	07-26-1994	Nozawa	
	AE2	US-5,334,247	08-02-1994	Columbus <i>et al.</i>	
	AF2	US-5,401,403	03-28-1995	Haggqvist	
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	AL2	US-5,770,076	06-23-1998	Chu <i>et al.</i>	
	AM2	US-5,782,791	07-21-1998	Peterson <i>et al.</i>	
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	BD2	JP 53-7819	01-24-1978	Hitachi Ltd.		
	BE2	JP 56-113367	09-07-1981	Hitachi Ltd.		
	BF2	JP 57-182452	11-10-1982	Shinshu Seiko Co., Ltd.		

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	BD3	WO 91/14468	10-03-1991	Miller Weston Ltd.		
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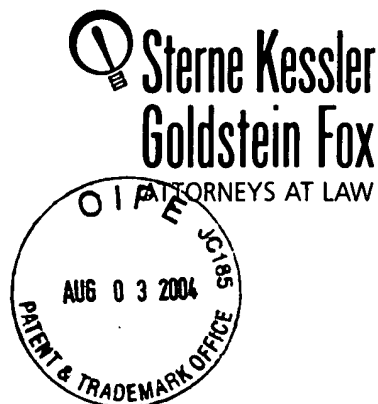
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